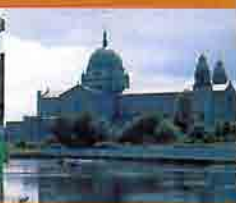


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Things to see around Galway City

Welcome to Galway, the capital of the West of Ireland. You find yourself in a city steeped in the culture and heritage of Ireland, which is also the fastest growing city in Europe. With easy access and its own modern airport, it is an ideal base from which to explore the various surrounding beauty spots, but the city itself has much to offer as well. Whatever your recreational needs, you have made the right choice in coming here, for Galway has something for everyone. Cead Mile Failte.

Eyre Square

A very attractive town square, where a plaque stands to the memory of John F. Kennedy, who was made a Freeman of the City shortly before his death in 1963.

St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church

Built by the Anglo-Norman in 1320, and often since expanded, this church contains many excellent carvings and relics of the Middle Ages. Its main claim to fame is that according to local tradition, Christopher Columbus heard mass here before setting off on his voyage of discovery.

The Claddagh

Located on the West Bank of the Corrib Estuary was a famous village, the Claddagh, which existed until 1934 when the traditional thatched cottages were replaced by a new housing scheme. It was native Irish in language and dress, and its unique customs included the election of a King, who was commodore of the fleet. His 'hooker' bore a white sail, while those of his subjects were brown. The women, who all wore shawls, customarily wore the Claddagh ring of distinctive design.

Galway Cathedral

Officially dedicated by Cardinal Cushing of Boston in 1965, this impressive building is Galway's most dominating feature. Located beside the Salmon Weir Bridge, it consists of cut limestone with Connemara marble flooring and it combines classical and traditional designs.

Lynch's Castle

Unquestionably the finest surviving town castle in Ireland, dating from the early 15th or 16th century. It has decorative features found only in Southern Spain. Renovated in the 19th century, it is now a branch of the Allied Irish Bank.

Lynch's Window

Situated in Market Street, this marks the spot where according to popular but dubious legend, the Mayor of Galway in the early 16th century, James Fitzstephen, hanged his own son, who had confessed to murdering a visiting Spaniard.

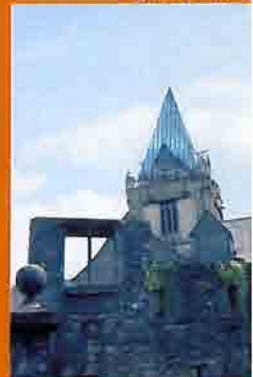
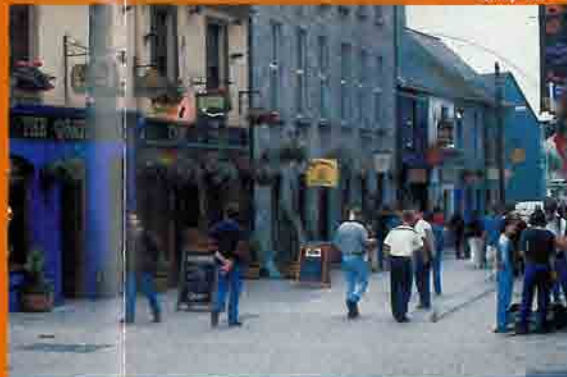
Spanish Arch

Built in 1594 to protect the quays, this is a reminder of times when trade with Spain was the lifeblood of the city. Excavations has also revealed substantial remains of the old city walls. It is also the site of the Galway City Museum.

Eyre Square

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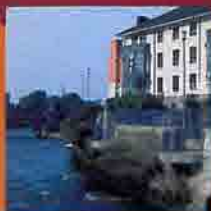
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Nora Barnacle House

Located in Bowling Green adjacent to St. Nicholas' Church is the home of Nora Barnacle, the wife of the world famous Irish literary figure, James Joyce. Now open to the public, Joyce stayed in the house many times while visiting his in-laws.

Galway Irish Crystal Heritage Centre

Guided tours of the centre run every 30 minutes and commence with a short audiovisual presentation on Galway's rich and vibrant culture. The tour then continues with a visit to the workshop where you experience the mystery and magic of the craft of crystal cutting. The Claddagh village exhibit brings to life the City's famous old quarter, renowned for its sea-fishing and romance - and the birthplace and inspiration of the world famous Claddagh Ring.

Old Merchant's Houses

Mutilated examples of old merchant houses remain in the city centre, with some fine examples of old windows and doorways. These are mainly to be found around Shop Street, Middle Street, Abbeygate Street and St. Augustine Street.

Druid Theatre

This highly individual little theatre located in Chapel Lane presents works by famous Irish playwrights. Although still a relatively very young company, the Druid has already built up an international reputation for outstanding performances.

Town Hall Theatre

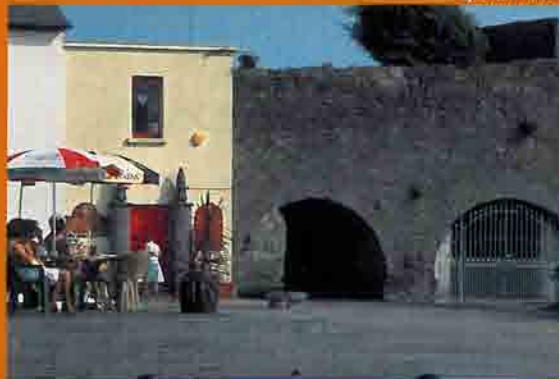
The Town Hall Theatre is Galway's major performance venue, hosting performances by the world-renowned Druid Theatre Company as well as various touring and local companies and concerts. It is also a major venue for the Galway Arts Festival and Galway Film Fleadh each July. Courthouse Square, Galway. Box Office: 091 569777 Fax: 091 569664 Email: tht@eircom.net



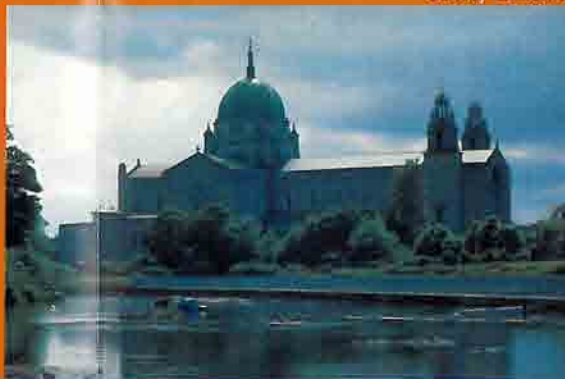
Riverside Walk

This is a development which runs along the River Corrib from O'Brien's Bridge to the Salmon Weir. Here you can see shoals of salmon lie in season before making their way upstream to spawn in Lough Corrib.

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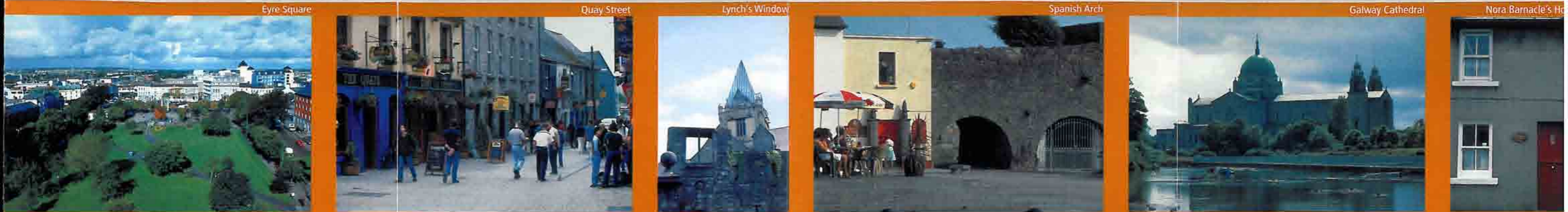


Galway Cathedral



Nora Barnacle's House





Things to do around Galway

Angling

Whether for game, sea or coarse angling, nowhere in Europe can compare to the West of Ireland. The cleanest waters in Europe, combined with breathtaking scenery, both inland and coastal, not to mention the excellent fishing, produce an atmosphere unique to anglers the world over.

Golfing

There are some superb golf courses located in the county and they are all very accessible to visitors.

Sea Angling

The warm waters of the Atlantic and some dramatic coastline provide Europe's best sea angling waters, particularly in Galway Bay, Clifden and Rossaveal. The entire range of facilities is supplied in numerous centres along the coast.

Game Angling

There is first class salmon, brown trout and sea trout angling throughout the county. An extensive network of fisheries supply all the required gear locally.

Greyhound Racing

Enjoy a great night out at Galway's most exciting entertainment venue every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. Soak up the atmosphere in the Stadium's 3 bars and 2 restaurants and stay on for live music after racing.

Swimming

Leisureland, Salthill. Telephone: (091) 521455 - Indoor Pool. Kingfisher Club, Renmore Avenue. Telephone: (091) 773344 - Indoor Pool.

Things to do for the Young & Young at Heart

Family Fun at the Athenry Heritage Centre. Have-a-go traditional archery - for all ages. Adventure maze for the young and the young at heart.

Irish Music and Dance

DANCE of DESIRE, Black Box Theatre Galway May-October, Monday-Saturday (6 nights), 8.30pm Complete with entirely original music and choreography this critically acclaimed "Truly outstanding" (The Star) production has been described as "Terrific" (Irish Times) and "Stunning" (Irish Independent) and is also the only stage show of its kind in term of size and style performing over such a prolonged period in a theatre in Ireland. DANCE of DESIRE has a cast of 25 performers and comprises 20 world & Irish champion dancers. DANCE of DESIRE is a "World Class" (The Sun) family show and has already played to sell out audiences from Dublin to Dubai, Beijing to Berlin, Chicago to the Czech Republic and Kuala Lumpur to Paris and returns to Galway by popular demand.



Beaches
County Galway has a wealth of top-class beaches, both clean and safe, spread along hundreds of miles of coastline. There are several blue flag beaches in the area as designated by the European Community.

Karting

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Galway Atlantaquaria

Galway Atlantaquaria is Ireland's National Aquarium and is home to 170 species of fresh water and marine life. Situated on the famous Salthill Promenade, it has evolved to become undoubtedly one of the finest visitor attractions in Ireland. Built over two floors, Ireland's largest aquarium is home to five species of native Irish shark, as well as "Valentine", the world's only captive White Skate. Among the other displays are Seahorses, Octopus and a real 60ft whale skeleton. Visitors can take part in the feeding, explore the model submarine, and even hold Starfish and giant Spider Crabs. Not to be missed! Open daily from 9a.m. Telephone 091 585 100.

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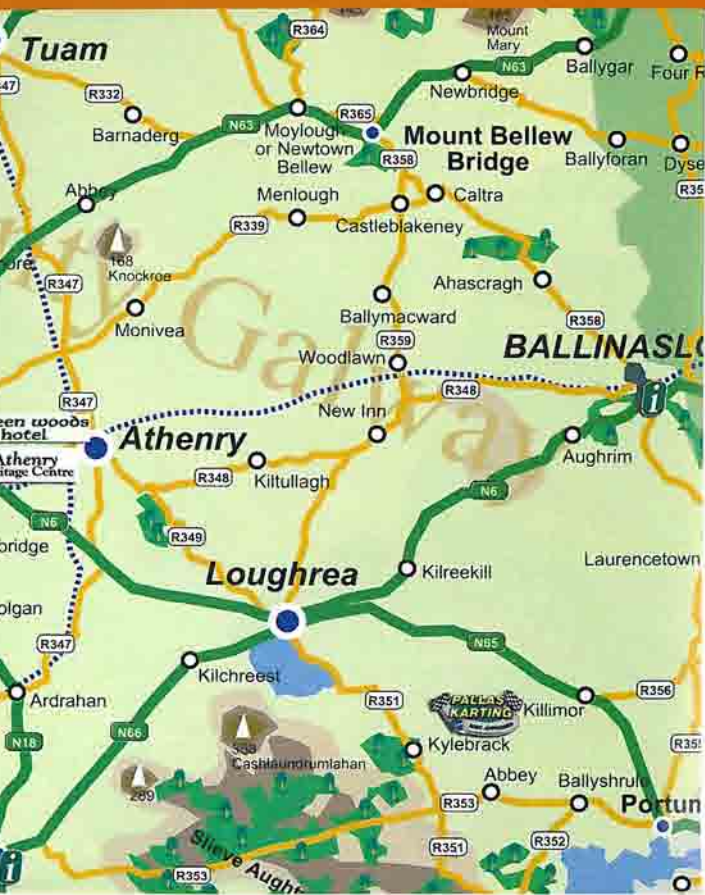
Athenry, 15 miles east and 20 minutes from Galway City, proudly claims to be the finest surviving medieval town in Ireland. Founded about 1235, it became "fossilized" and as a result, Athenry still retains more and better medieval monuments than anywhere else in the country.

Not only is Athenry's street-plan unchanged since medieval times, but its town walls, with wide surrounding moat, five out of six wall towers and one fine arched gateway surviving, are without doubt the most impressive and best of their period. Well worth a visit is the medieval St. Mary's Colligate Church which now houses the Athenry Arts, Heritage & Activity Centre, the fully restored medieval castle and the ruins of the 13th century Dominican Priory.



The Aran Islands

The three Aran Islands of Inis Mór, Inis Meáin and Inis Óirr, are located off the West Coast of Galway. The Irish (Gaelic) speaking Aran Islands are famous for their unique way of life, stunning scenery, and peaceful atmosphere. The islands are also rich in history, as evidenced by the many ancient monuments such as churches, forts and monasteries on the islands. Travelling to the islands is easy - ferries operate from Rossaveal harbour and you can also travel by plane from nearby Connemara Airport in Inverin. The islanders still speak their native language, but will have no problem communicating in English. Inis Mór, is the largest of the islands. Activities on the island include guided tours by luxury mini coach, tours of the islands on a traditional "pony & trap", and visits of sites including the dramatic Dun Aonghas on Inis Mór, a stone fort standing defiantly on a cliff 300 metres above sea level. Inis Meáin is the middle island, where one should visit to see what remains of the old, traditional life style. With its thatched roofs on stone cottages, and only using electricity for the past 30 years, you'd think you stepped back in time. Inis Meáin also has its share of historical sites that are well worth a visit while on the island. Inis Óirr, the eastern island, is the smallest of the three and is just as beautiful as the other two. Inis Óirr is mostly rock, but has the wildest and most exotic flowers and plants you could see. The islanders will be proud to show you their unique way of life, where age-old traditions co-exist comfortably with modern living.



Salthill

History of Salthill

At the beginning of the century, Salthill was cut off from Galway by farmland. However the coming of the railway to Galway brought increased prosperity and an influx of visitors. As a result the town began to expand westwards towards Salthill.

In 1860, the first hotel, the Eglinton Hotel was constructed in Salthill. In 1855, Alexander Moon (the founder of Moons of Galway, now owned by the Brown Thomas Group) and a group of other Galway businessmen erected the first diving board at Blackrock, near the western end of Salthill. Blackrock was a 'male only' swimming area until the 1950's.

In the 50's, 60's and 70's, Salthill became an extremely popular resort. Seapoint Ballroom was built in 1949, and this venue brought international and national acts to Salthill. Today, Salthill bordered by the longest promenade in Ireland is a prosperous suburb of Galway and it is still one of the most popular resorts in the country.

Modern Salthill

Once a small seaside resort 3km west of Galway, Salthill is now an important suburb of this expanding city. While it may have lost some of its simple, rural charm, it has gained a wealth of amenities in the process.

The giant Leisureland complex, with its host of childrens entertainments, including an indoor heated swimming pool, proves very popular, especially when the weather isn't so kind. The golden half mile of casinos, pubs and restaurants also play their part by day and discos and musical pubs rule the roost at night.

Galway Bay and its lapping waters will always be the main attraction, however, and the visitor has a host of safe, sandy beaches from which to choose. Swimming, sun-bathing, sail-boarding, snorkling, sea angling and high board diving can be enjoyed here. For the less energetic, a stroll along Ireland's longest promenade is strongly recommended for the fresh Galway Bay sea air is a tonic in itself. And while you are at it, ramble through nearby Salthill Park and Quincennial Park to view the flowers and shrubs. Alternatively, one can try a spot of tennis or golf at the nearby clubs.

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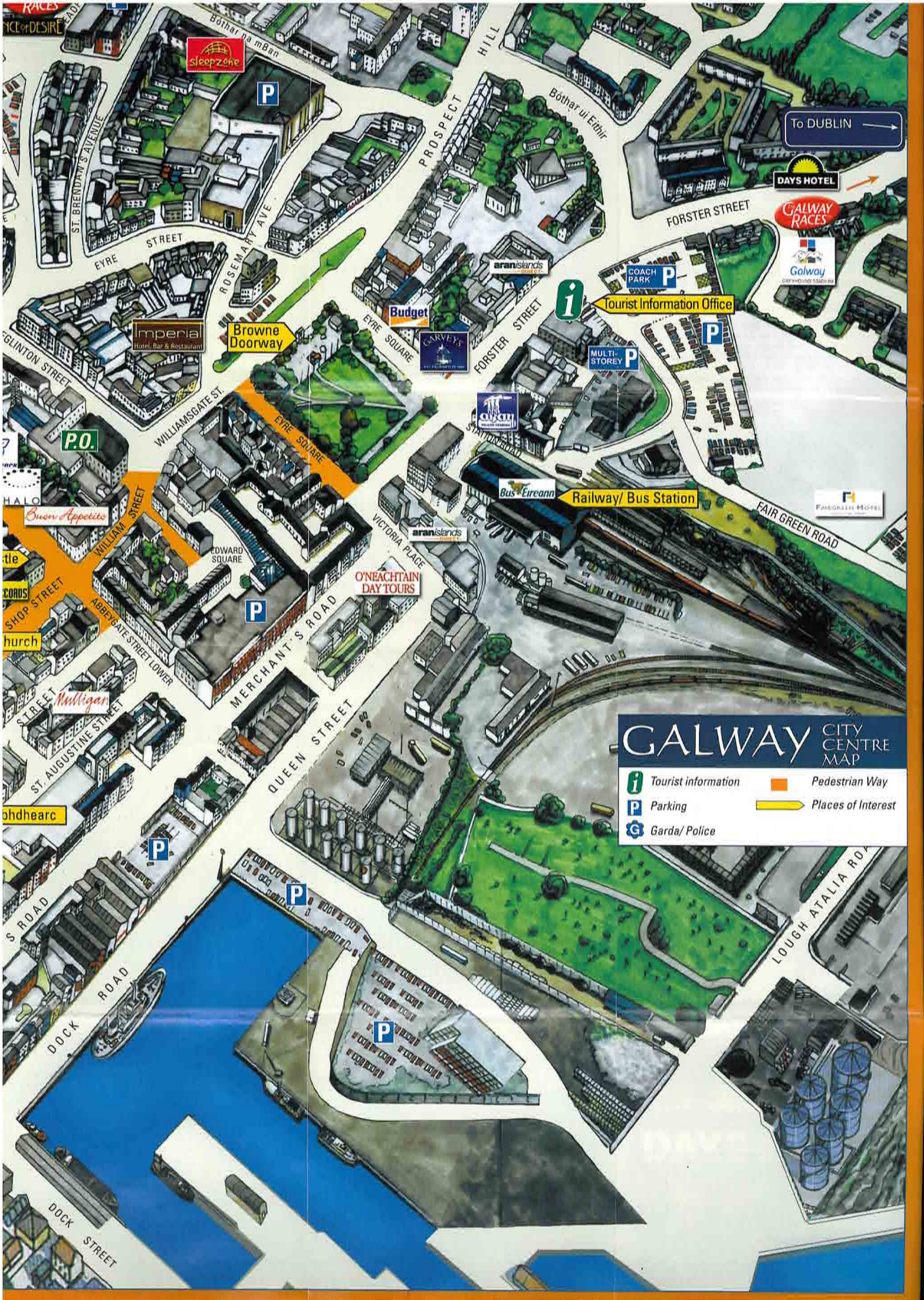
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